

Appln. No. 10/763,734
Amendment dated January 22, 2008
Reply to Office Action mailed October 19, 2007

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 13, 16 through 19, 21, 23, and through 26 remain in this application. Claims 6, 14, 15, 20, 22, 24 and 26 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claim 27 has been added.

Paragraphs 3 through of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 4, 7, 11, 13, 16, 20 and 23 through 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Talluri. (It is noted that claim 20 was previously cancelled.)

Claims 1 through 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20 and 22 through 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talluri in view of Ebstyne. (It is noted that claims 20 and 22 were previously cancelled.)

Claims 8, 9 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ebstyne in view of Talluri and further in view of Ebata.

Claims 10 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ebstyne in view of Talluri and further in view of Wells.

Claims 12 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ebstyne in view of Talluri and further in view of Watkins.

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Claims 12 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talluri in view of Watkins.

Claim 21 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ebstyne in view of Talluri and further in view of Ebata and Watkins.

Claim 1 requires in part "loading an agent application onto at least one grid computer of the at least two grid computers", "locating, by the agent application, an unused portion of disk storage space on a disk drive of the at least one grid computer connected by the connecting network of the computing grid" and "receiving by the agent application on the at least one grid computer, from a local user of the at least one grid computer, designation of a minimum amount of disk storage space to be reserved on the disk drive of the at least one grid computer for local use by the local user".

It is submitted that the previously cited art does not teach or suggest the receiving by the agent application on the at least one grid computer, from a local user of the at least one grid computer, designation of a minimum amount of disk storage space to be reserved on the disk drive of the at least one grid computer for local use by the local user.

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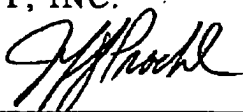
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

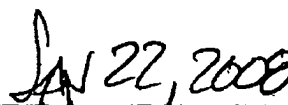
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